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## FEDERAL AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

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# COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR WICHITA

- Develop Federal Agenda
- Direct representation before Congress and the Federal Agencies
- Monitor and assist in obtaining legislation, authorizations, permits, policy and funding
- Arrange Washington “Fly-ins” for Wichita City Council and Staff
- Provide monthly reports, legislative summaries, and issue updates
- Available on an as-needed basis to solve problems involving Congress or a Federal agency



# DEVELOPING A FEDERAL AGENDA

- A Federal Agenda serves as a guide document for the City's federal objectives.
- The Agenda includes information to use during meetings with members of Congress and Federal Agency officials.
- Our work for the City is not limited to items on the Federal Agenda.
- In early January, we immediately began the process of developing a Federal Agenda for the City.
- Participated in over 10 calls with approximately 20 City department heads and staff to obtain information to develop the Federal Agenda.



# ITEMS INCLUDED IN WICHITA'S FEDERAL AGENDA

- **Water Supply – Equus Beds**

- ✓ Extend authorization for an additional 10 years
- ✓ Seek funding from the Bureau of Reclamation

- **Airport & Aviation Industry**

- ✓ Extend authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration
- ✓ Oppose privatization of the Air Traffic Control System
- ✓ Oppose FAA's plan to eliminate the contract weather observer personnel at Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport



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- **Amtrak Extension**

- ✓ Support extension of Amtrak service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma into Newton, Kansas.

- **Transportation Infrastructure & Transit**

- ✓ Monitor implementation of the FAST Act.



# ITEMS INCLUDED IN WICHITA'S FEDERAL AGENDA

## ▪ Economic Development

- ✓ Support City's economic development efforts by advancing foreign direct investment.

## ▪ Energy & Environment

- ✓ Support federal initiatives that would provide favorable treatment to municipal governments that are taking active steps to reduce ozone precursors.
- ✓ Support legislation that provides a balanced regulatory approach to protecting our waters without inflicting unnecessary damage to the economy.



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- **Federal Funding for City Services**
  - ✓ Support federal programs in FY 2017 appropriations legislation that enhance City services, provide formula funding and fund competitive federal grants.
- **Municipal & Business Tax**
  - ✓ Support the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
  - ✓ Support the Marketplace Fairness Act that grants states the authority to compel online and catalog retailers to collect sales tax at the time of a transaction.





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